

Washington D.C. – Today, Harry Teague announced a number of grants aimed at developing and increasing resources for the tribal justice systems of the Pueblo of Laguna and the Pueblo of Zuni. The funding, awarded by the Department of Justice through the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation, is part of a nationwide effort to improve and assist Native American communities in the areas of public safety and policing operations.

“Many of our local tribes have limited resources for enhancing their justice systems and police operations,” said Harry Teague, whose district includes the Pueblos of Acoma, Isleta, Laguna, and Zuni, as well as the Mescalero Apache Tribe, and the Navajo Nation Chapters of Alamo, Ramah, and To’hajiilee. “After meeting with the Laguna and Zuni Pueblos and hearing the benefits that these grants would bring to the communities, I was proud to support their applications to renovate outdated facilities. Projects like this will give these communities the tools they need to keep our communities safe.”

The Pueblo of Laguna will receive \$2,361,525 for five programs, and the Pueblo of Zuni will receive \$1,582,222 for three programs. Both tribes were awarded funding for a Tribal Resource Grant to promote public safety and improve police operations, a Tribal Governments Program to enhance responses to violence committed against women and girls, and a Tribal Courts Assistance program to improve and develop tribal justice systems. The Pueblo of Laguna additionally received funding to renovate a currently outdated facility and build a new Integrated Justice System that would house the Trial Court staff, Probation Offices, Prosecutor, Public Defender, Laguna Police Department and the Detention Facility, as well as funding to provide direct assistance to victims of sexual assault.

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